GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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FUNDS TO POSTAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds provided to postal sector during the first three years of Ninth Plan has remained unutilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the percentage of funds utilised, year-wise;

(c) the target envisaged and achieved during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken to utilise the remaining amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The total approved outlay of the Ninth Five Year Plan for he Department of Posts is Rs. 507.25 Crores. The Department has been able to effectively utilise most of the allotted funds. The total plan allocations, funds utilised and the percentage utilisation during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan is given at Annex. I.

(c) Major targets envisaged and achieved during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan are given at Annex. II. As can be seen, most of the targets have been fully achieved during each of the Annual Plans.

(d) In the fourth year (2000-2001) of the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Department`s outlay for various plan activities is Rs. 120 crores. The various steps taken to ensure full utilisation of he allocated funds which are under the control of the Department are improvement in monitoring, coordination and review mechanism through more frequent interaction with the field formation. However, for various activities, inter-ministerial action is required which is beyond the control of the Department. For the last year (2001-2002) of the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Department is in the process of drawing up the Annual Plan.

ANNEXURE-I

Annual Plan	Total Plan	Amount Utilised	Percentage of Funds Utilised
1997-98	Rs. 80 Crores	Rs. 72.27 Crores	90.33%
1998-99	Rs. 84.11 Crores	Rs. 73.69 Crores	87.61%
1999-00	Rs. 100 Crores	Rs. 88.28 Crores	88.28%

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE NINTH PLAN

ACTIVITY	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Phys.	Achiev.	Phys.	Achiev.	Phys.	Achiev.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EXPANSION OF POSTAL NETWORK						
Opening of Extra Departmental Post Offices	500	402	598	598	500	386

Opening of Departmental Sub Post Offices 50 52 50 50 50 49
Provision of Infrastructural equipment to 4800 7746 2700 3395 500 798
Extra Departmental Post Offices
Opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras - - 200 200 500 486

UPGRADATION OF TECHNOLOGY

Instalation of Extended Satellite Money Order Stations 350 318 250 - 266 266
Installation of Very Small Aperture Terminal Stations

(VSATs) - - 20 - 62 62
Upgradation of Very Small Aperture Terminal Stations

(VSATs) - - 30 21 - -
PC based Conter machines including SB LANs 1000 918 800 1429 1250 1250
Modernisation of Post Offices 205 308 60 98 75 139
Mechanical equipment
Hand Cancelers 2000 - 10000 3285 - 3705
Stamp Cancelling Machines 20 20 20 20 20 20
Tying and Bundling Machines - - 30 30 - -

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

In Service Training for Group `A` Officers 50 30 25 24 30 170
In Service Training for Group `C` officials
including Supervisors 6000 7107 3000 6970 1800 7400
Decentralised training for EDBPMs
Computer training of officials 1500 2755 2100 4062 3200 8002

Refresher training for SB/SC work 4000 4551 4000 4315 2500 2782
MODERNISATION OF MAIL PROCESSING
Mail Office modernisation 20 20 35 43 30 38

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

Computerisation of Speed Post Concentration Centres 10 7 20 20 30 30
Refresher training for staff working in premium products
100 100 100 100 200 210
POSTAL LIFE INSURANCE
Computerisation of RPLI work in Regions 6 19 12 120 HO 11 -
Up-gradation of computer systems in Circles 4 5 4 Circle4 Circles 10 10
and PLI Dte.and 1 PLI Dte.
Training in Computers to officials 500 490 50 89 - -
Training in marketing/Sales/ promotion/publicity to officials
26 23 50 62 66 66
Training in insurance to Departmental officials & EDAs 34800 39939 10000 10875 5000 8965
EDAs EDAs
Market Surveys 1 - 1 1 - -

MODERNISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PHILATELY

Computerisation 5 Bureaux 5 Bureaux 25 21 15 16
fully and 10 partially fully and 10 partially
Tools and equipment for Bureax 5 5 40 52 13 13
Training of officials in promotion of Philately - - 125 165 160 261
POSTAL BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS
Construction of Post Offices/Mail Offices 65 53 22 25 15 35
P.Os and 3 MOs POs and 1 MO
Construction of staff quarters 175 275 120 196 27 143
(Spill over) + 117(new)
Construction of Administrative offices 1 4 3 2 2 2
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
Custom Care Centres 14 67 59 60 55 55